EX-SPEAKER REED'S CONDITION CRITICAL

Uraemia Developed Yesterday Aft ernoon and a Philadelphia Specialist Was Summoned.

PULSE 88, TEMPERATURE 100.

So Far as the Appendicitis Features of the Case Are Concerned, the Physicians Report Improvement.

Washington, Dec. 4 -- At 11:00 e'clock tohight the comiltion of ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed, who has been ill since Tuesday evening, was reported to be critical.

A few minutes before that time, Doctor Gardner, one of the attending physicians, handed the following bulletin to the press: "At 10 p. m. Mr. Reed's condition is as follows: Temperature, 100 2-5; pulse 88; respiration, 34 Mr. Reed suffered from some degree of uraemic coma during the afternoon, but his mind is again clear this evening. His appendicial symptoms are rapidly subsiding and the appedicitis is not an important factor in his present condi-W. C. GOODNOW, M. D.

"E A GARDNER M. D. "T. L. MacDONALD, M. D."

Toeter Gardner made two visits to his patient during the evening, leaving the first time at 8:30 o'clock. Later he and Doctors Goodnew and MacDonald came and remained at the hotel for nearly two hours, some of the time with Mr. Reed and the remainder in consultation over his case.

Doctor Goodnow, whose name appears to the bulletin to-night, in addition to the other physicians, is a Philadelphian, and was called into the case as "expert con-sultant." He expected to leave for home again on the midnight train.

Doctor Gardner was not disposed to talk about the case to-night nor to add anything to the bulletin, saying that it contained an exact statement of Mr. Reed's condi-He did say, however, that Mr. Reed's



THOMAS B. REED.

condition was critical, but that it was better than at 5 o'clock this afternoon In some respects Mr. Reed, he added, was better than last night and, in some re specis, was worse. He was better so far as the appendicitis symptoms were concorned, but the urnemic features gave the case a grave aspect.

After issuing the bulletin the doctor said he was going home for the night and would leave his assistant, Doctor Bishop, who would remain with Mr. Reed during the

LEADING TOPICS **IN** TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC

7.02 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 4:29. THE MOON SETS THIS EVENING AT

GRAIN CLOSED YESTERDAY: ST LOUIS-DEC. WHEAT 68%C; MAY WHEAT 70%674%C; DEC. CORN 460 ASKED; MAY CORN 39%c. CHICAGO-DEC. WHEAT 73% 91734c; MAY WHEAT 734,9754c BID; DEC. CORN May CORN 434 24 434 BID. THE PRICE OF ANTHRICITE COAL

For Missouri-Rain or snow Friday; Saturday fair and colder. For Hlinois-Cloudy Friday; prob ably snow. Saturday fair.

YESTERDAY WAS \$5.50.

For Arkansas-Fair Friday; Saturday fair; colder in northwest. For East Texas-Fair, warmer Fri

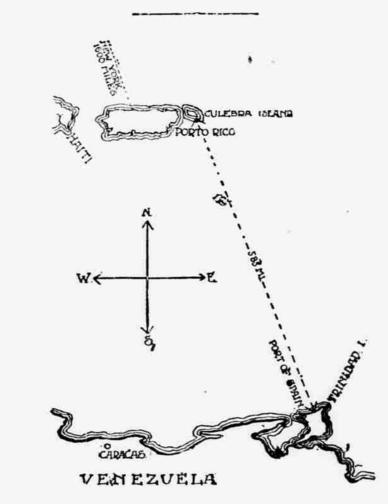
day; Saturday fair. For West Texas-Fair Friday: Saturday fair in south, rain or snow and colder in north.

- 1. Fourteen Victims of Chicago Hotel Fire,
- 2. Mr. Folk and Kelly May Meet To-Day, 3. Democratic Senators to Fight the Lobby. Will Eat Poison for Their Desert, New Chinese Minister Soon to Marry.
- 4. Corbett-McGovern Bout Unsettled. Delmar Will Offer Big Racing Stakes.
- 5 East Side News.
- Omnibus Bill's Friends Hopeful,
- 6. Editorial. Affairs of Interest to Society Folk.
- 7. Railroad News.
- Proposed Sites for Public Bathleouses. 8. Victims Found by Flames in Chicago
- Hotel. Excise Commissioner and Police Scored. Street Improvement for North St. Louis.
- 9. Titles of American Women Menaced. Ask City to Buy Buildings at Fair.
- 19. Republic "Want" Advertisements. Birth, Marriage and Death Records.
- New Corporations.
- 11. Reoms for Rent Ads. 12. Summary of St. Louis Markets.
- Wheat Closed Higher.
- 1. Lower Prices in New York. Active Issues Higher on Investment De-
- West Trading Is Dull in Chicago. 14. A Cetreet Urges Credit Currency. ter Buck Dies Suddenly in Japan. Oping Drafted for Special Election.

ULTIMATUM TO VENEZUELA IS NOW IN PREPARATION.

Germany Not Satisfied With the Note of President Castro, Regard ing It as Simply a Play for Time-British Fereign Office Agrees That There Should Be No Delay in Proposed Punitive Action.

PUBLICATION OF STATE PAPERS CONSIDERED AN ADDED INSULT



WHERE AMERICAN WARSHIPS ARE ENGAGED IN MIMIC HOSTILITIES.

Admiral Summer's squadron left Port of Spain yesterday morning to seize, if posble, some port in Porto Rican waters, Culebra included Admiral Higginson's
undron acts on the defense.

At La Guayra, the port nearest Caracas, are gathering the warships of Germany
d Great Britain, preparatory to taking stern measures with the Venezuelan Govern-

Berlin, Dec. 4.—The note of President Cas- | ■ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ ◆ tro of Venezuela, presented to the German BRITISH WARSHIPS Minister at Caracas a week ago, is not satisfactory to the German Government.

are unacceptable. The exchange of views with the British

Foreign Office has resulted in a decision to proceed with the joint action. An ultimatum will most certainly be presented in a few The phrasing of the note is the subject of

The departure of these cruisers has been indefinitely postponed. A seemingly inspired article in the Co logne Gazette to-day says: "Despite Ger many's patience with Venezuela, all thought has been abandoned of a peaceful settle-

ment," and adds that Venezuela has treated Germany in a manner almost insulting be-cause Venezuela published official communi-cations without Germany's consent, coupled with improper comments.

MOST POWERFUL AMERICAN FLEET EVER ASSEMBLED.

Admiral Dewey Probably Will Make Mayflower His Flagship for West Indian Maneuvers.

The Republic Burcau, 14th St. and Pennsylvania Ave Washington, Dec. 4.-The American fleet assembling in the West Indies, for the maneuvers planned months ago, under Admiral Dewey is the largest and best ever brought together by the United States Navy.

It includes the latest and best of the tleships-the Alabama, 11,000 tons; the Illinois and Kearsarge, twin ships, 11.525 tons each; the somewhat older but first-class battleships, Iowa and Massachusetts, 11,660 tons cac's, both of which won fame in the Spanish-American war; the fast, protected cruisers, Olympia, which was Dewey's flagship at the battle of Manila; Chicago, Newark. San Francisco and Albany: and the Nashville, which is well known to St. Louisans, having ascended the Mississippi to show to the people of the Mississippi Valley the boat which captured the first prize in

the Cuban blockade. In the fleet also are the beautiful yachts Dolphin and Mayflower, which frequently are used by the President of the United States for short trips along the coast, and will figure as dispetch boats in the Carib bean Sea; also the converted cruisers, Prairie and Yankton.

The fleet includes the European squadron the present North Atlantic and the South Atlantic squadrons, and there is no reason o doubt that it will impress foreign nava experts as a magnificent and powerful colection of the best fighting ships affoat. There will be also several of our best torpedo boars, not yet selected, but to be dispatched to the Caribbean within a few

These fighters are all manned as befits their qualities. The first-named battleships will be maneuvered by twelve officers of the ine, seven staff officers, twenty naval cadets, twenty warrant officers and about 475 men, including the best of the American gunners, whose fame has penetrated every part of the globe. The cruizers will have a total of about 350 officers and mon each and the dispatch boats about 193 each,

It is expected that Admiral Dewey will elect the Mayflower for his flagship, The armament of all these ships is of the finest and latest pattern, ranging from the four-pound rapid-fire gun to the 13-inch rifle, which will penetrate s'xteen inches of

harveyized steel. SUMNER'S SQUADRON LEAVES TRINIDAD TO MAKE "ATTACK."

Careful Preparations Made to Conceal Destination From Higginson's Vessel.

Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad, Dec-4.—The United States Consul has been au-thoritatively informed through agents of the departure this morning of the "enemy's" squadron under Rear Admiral Sumner, and

the great naval war game in the Caribbean Sea is on. Its destination is uncertain, but it is believed to be Porto Rico or Culebra. The ships passed through Boca Grande, going

AT LA GUAYRA. It is deemed inadequate, and is considered as designed to gain more time.

Its partial acceptance of the German demands was coupled with conditions that

slowly. There is no satisfactory indication as to the course the squadron will pursue. All the warships had a low freeboard, which is evidence that they are well filled with coal and ammunition. A collier carrypresent correspondence between the re- ing 2,500 tons of coal discharged its entire spective Governments, whose action will not cargo into the various vessels, which also

> to seize a base and hold it, and confidence as to the final success of the movement prevails on board the ships.

Port of Spain, Island of Trinidad, Wednesday, Dec. 3.-Rear Admiral Sumner has issued an order with respect to the neutrality of Tricidad.

With the departure of the gunboat Eagle this morning communication with the shore ceased and from now on the movements of the "enemy's" squadron will be cloaked

in mystery. There is a lighthouse at Boca Grande, the exit from the Gulf, and apprehension is felt that the keeper may communicate with the United States Consul, who will telegraph to Rear Admiral Higginson, commanding the defending squadron, the course and speed of the "enemy," Consequently, Ad-

miral Sumner proposes, when out of sight of land, to change his course and speed and then proceed to the port chosen for the scene of the attack. It is often the case that the course of warships is followed by boxes and other be put in condition to sink immediately when thrown into the sea, or that it be burned. New code signals for use day and night have been arranged, in order to pre-

vent their being read by Admiral Higginson's scouts. Though his squadron is stronger than the one commanded by Admiral Cervera, Admiral Sumner declares that the problem before him is more difficult than that of the Spaniards, as the latter were able to choose ports in Cuba as well as in Porto Rico and Culebra, Moreover, the Spanlards noved from the Cape Verde Islands, while Admiral Sumper's command is close and is limited in regard to time.

DECEMBER 20 IS FLAG DAY.

Dockery Issues a Proclamation to Celebrate Louisiana Purchase.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 4.-In compliance with the request of President Francis of the St. Louis World's Fair Company, Governor Dockery to-day issued a proclamation, designating December 20 as Flag Day, it being the ninety-ninth anniversary

The proclamation requests that the na tional colors be displayed in all public places of business, as far as may be practicable, be decorated,

of the acquisition of the Louisiana Terri-

. Want Help To-Day. The Republic of to-

day contains the following ads for "Help": Housework ...63 | Barbers 11 Cooks 11 Miscellaneous 104

Your ad for Help, or for a Situation, in The Republic will be read all over St. Louis and the Great Southwest. And it will bring the right kind of answers.

BLIZZARD SWEEPS OVER THE SOUTH WITH HEAVY SNOW

Temperature Drops to Twenty Degrees Above Zero in Southern Texas.

MISSISSIPPI IN STORM'S PATH.

Driving Rain, Followed by Sleet, Gives Way to a Heavy White Blanket.

TELEGRAPH WIRES ARE DOWN.

Seven Inches of Snow Reported in Arkansas and Central Missouri -Zero Weather Causes Suffering in Kansas and Iowa.

A blizzard swept over the South vesterday, bringing the first snow of the season to several of the Southern States,

It struck Southern Texas, bringing the temperature down to 20 degrees above zero. Two inches of snow fell at Terrell. It began to rain in the morning over Mis-

ssippi. It changed to sleet and then to

snow, forming the first snowstorm so early in years. Telegraph wires are down and traffic has been somewhat suspended. Louisiana was also in the storm's path. Telegraphic communication is badly hampered about Memphis, Tenn., because of the

snow and sleet. Arkansas suffered as much if not more than any Southern State, Snow was general over the State. Seven inches fell at Van Buren, the deepest ever known this

Seven inches of spow is reported at Hart ville, Mo. In Northern Kansas the temperature fell

to zero, and unprotected stock are suffer-The thermometer fell to 9 degrees below zero at Sloux City, Ia.

SNOW IN INDIAN TERRITORY. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Tulsa, I. T., Dec. 4.-This morning the ground was covered with snow. This is an unusual occurrence for this country at this season, not having been exceeded in point

et authentic records. The storm is the earliest and most severe since 1898, when winter was ushered in by a snow and freezing weather on November 24. The earliest period at which real winter has ever begun here was in 1895, when severe freezing weather began on November 15, and on the 15th several inches of

await the arrival in the West Indies of the cruisers Amazone, Niobe and Ariadne, as supply ship.

The "enemy" is prepared to make a dash and don't last long. BLIZZARD IN TEXAS. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Corpus Christi, Tex., Dec. 4 .- During the

last twenty-four hours a severe blizzard has been raging all over Southern Texas, and will cause much damage to crops and cat-SNOW AT TERRELL, TEXAS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Terrell, Tex., Dec. 4.-Two inches of snow fell here last night. The temperature is down to 20 above zero. SNOW AT HARTVILLE, MO.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Hartville, Mo., Dec. 4.-The first snow the season fell here last night and to-day and is now seven inches deep, with more falling. It is now freezing. FIRST SNOW AT CARTHAGE, MO.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL

Carthage, Mo., Dec. 4 - The first snow the season in this section of the State fell last night, accompanying a perceptible low-ering of the temperature and heavy wind. WINTER OVER MISSISSIPPL

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 4.—General rain, sleet and snow prevailed throughout the State to-day. This is the earliest snow warships is followed by hoxes and other known here in years. Business is practi-refuse thrown overboard. Therefore, Ad-miral Summer has decided that such debris prostrated and rallway traffic has been impeded to some extent. SLEET AT MEMPHIS, TENN.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 4.—Sleet and rain fell all morning in the territory adjacent to Memphis. Telegraphic communication is badly hampered south of Memphis. COLD WAVE HITS ARKANSAS. REPUBLIC SPECIAL Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 4 .-- A heavy snow fell here to-day, beginning at 5 o'clock this

morning and continuing until late in the afternoon. To-night the ground is frozen. Heavy skies indicate a further snowfall before the weather change BAD DAY AT PINE BLUFF.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Pine Bluff, Ark., Dec. 4.-Pine Bluff had its first visit of snow to-day and all day ong the nevey flakes fell. The snow was preceded by a heavy rain and the ground is so wet and muddy that the snow will

not stick. Early this morning rain and sleet fell to abundance, but by 9 o'clock the sleet flurries commenced in earnest and from that time on fell unremittently during SEVEN INCHES OF SNOW. REPUBLIC SPECIAL Van Buren, Ark., Dec. 4.-Seven inches of

w fell here last night, greatly damaging the cotton in the bottoms. It is reported to be the deepest snow ever known here GREATEST FALL IN YEARS

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Eureka Springs, Ark., Dec. 4.-The greatest snowfall since 1900 occurred here last night. Local weather bureau reports six and one-half inches in twelve hours.

NORTHER IN KANSAS. Topeka, Kas., Dec. 4.-Zero weather is reported from a number of localities in Northern Kansas this morning. Last night was the coldest of the season, and the cold wind which prevailed greatly increased the suffering of the unprotected stock in many parts of the State. It is believed that a large number of cattle, which have living on the ranges, will now have to be housed and put on full feed. BELOW ZERO AT SIOUX CITY.

Sloux City, Ia., Dec. 4-To-day was the coldest of the season, 9 degrees below zero. PRINCESSES ORGANIZE TO

*** ELEVATE GERMAN MORALS.** Berlin, Dec. 4.-A small congress of • Princesses, just held at Cassel, vot ed to join the newly organized So-• clety of German Princely Women, • • for the elevation and promotion of •

· social morality. ♦ Among those present at the meet- ♦ • ing were the Duchess Friedrich Fer- • dinand of Schleswig-Holstein, the ◆
 Dowager Princess of Waldeck-Pyr mont, and the Landgravine Amalle ◆ • of Hesse-Philipsthal-Barchfelde.

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TAMBLYN TELLS DENNY JURY DELEGATES GOT \$2,500 EACH.

State Rests After Introduction of Strong Evidence Against Member of the House Combine Charged With Perjury, and Court Overrules Motion of the Defense to Dismiss.

CASE MAY GO TO JURY AND VERDICT BE REACHED BY TO-NIGHT.



Member of the House of Delegates, who is on trial in Judge Ryan's court charged with perjury before the Grand Jury in giving testimony regarding the bribing of Dele-gates for the passage of the Suburban Railway bill.

Wagener r

Daniel C. Miller, president of the

Mound City Ice and Cold Storage .

William C. Richards, vice prest-

Charles H. Robertson, president .

August J. Walter, A. J. Walter .

Confectionery Company, No. 3822 ◆

testified as to documentary evidence, in the

Philip Stock followed Judge and repeated

his former statem ats of the deal he made with John K. Murrell for the nineteen House of Delegates votes. He identified the

\$75,000 that had been introduced in evidence

Gerge P. Potee, manager of the Lincoln

Trust Company's safe-deposit box depart-ment, also identified the money, and told of it being found by Circuit Attorney Folk

and the committee from the Grand Jury. He also identified the key and receipts that had been given to Murrell and Stock.

John K. Murrell, the next witness, told

ow he had been appointed by the combin-

to represent its members in the deal with

Stock for the passage of the Suburban oil

that Denny was present at most of them

He said the \$75,000 had been deposited by him and Stock in the safety deposit vault

and that he had reported it to his fellow

members of the combine. He said there was

some doubt as to whether the money was in the vault and he was asked to bring

the key and receipt to the next meeting and show them to the other combine mem-

bers. He said he did as requested, and

that Denny was present. He could not re

Denny about the matter, but said it was

discussed at all of the meeting

"Was the combine in existence then?"

"When was it that you exhibited the key

George Potes, being recalled, stated that it was on January 27, 1802, that the Grand Jury committee and Circuit Attorney Folk opened the safety deposit box and found

George F. Robertson was the next wit-

John K. Murrell as to the meetings of the

combine, and said Denny was present at

nearly all of them. He said some of the members wanted \$100,000, others \$60,000 and

ne or two \$50,000 for the nineteen votes of

agreed, after Murrell reported that Stock

declined to pay more than \$75,000, to accept that amount. He said Denny was presen

at a combine meeting in Schnettler's Hall,

Sinth and Lami streets, and that Murrell

showed the safety deposit box key at that

Judge Ryan asked the witness if he could

fix the date of that meeting. He said he

uld not, but knew that it was a very

On cross-examination Judge Krum asked

Robertson about his testimony before the December Grand Jury and asked him why

he now told a different story. He said he

himself and the other combine members.
"You are under an indictment or informa-

"You were arrested?"

had testified at that time falsely to save

on for perjury, are you not?" asked Krum, "Not that I know of."

Circuit Attorney Folk then asked Robert-

the Suburban bill, and that it was

He corroborated the testimon

"No. sir." replied the witness.

"I don't recall the exact date."

DENNY WAS PRESENT

AT COMBINE MEETING.

the \$75,000.

meeting.

cold night.

He said several meetings were held, and

. Gunn Fruit Company, No. 4364 West-

Frank R. Rice, president of

· Company, No. 4522 Cook avenue.

pany, No. 1404 Hogan street.

No. 5232 Washington boulevard.

FROM THE DEPOSIT VAULT.

that is the largest amount, you ever go.

for your vote?" asked Chester H. Krum in
cross-examination of William M. Tamblyn,
member of the House of Delegates, one of
the State's witnesses against Charles J.
Denny, who is on trial charged with perjury in connection with the Suburban bill
search Charles Gildehaus, Gildehaus, Wulf-

scandal. "Two thousand five hundred dollars," answered the witness. Three minutes later when Circuit Attorney Folk took the witness on redirect exam-

ney Folk took the witness on redirect examination, Judge Krum no doubt regretted that he had branched off into this line of cross-examination, as it gave the State a chance to show that Denny also was connected with the lighting-bill scandal.

The to the time Tamblyn took the stand the trial of the case had progressed withnesses who had appeared in the cases of

Lehmann, Meyseaburg, Faulkner and F. R. Rice Cigar Company, No. 3680 Bersch had been on the stand, and they had William C. Riel repeated the stories that have been printed in the papers. TAMBLYN MAKES A MORE

CHEERFUL WITNESS THIS TIME. When Tamblyn was on the stand as a witness against Bersch he seemed dazed, and his answers were incoherently given. He had just been released from jail, to which | minster place. fact his condition was attributed. Yesterday, however, Tamblyn was a far different kind of witness. He remembered incidents and dates, and gave his answers to the questions put to him by lawyers on both Wellman-Dwire Tobacco Company,

sides in a distinct voice. In answer to questions by Circuit Atterney Felk, Tamblyn told of the meetings of the combine members of the House of Delegates at which the Suburban bill and morning. the \$75,000 Stock had agreed to pay John STOCK AGAIN COUNTS MONEY K. Murrell for the nineteen votes were discussed. He was confident that Denny was

present at nearly all of the meetings.

Judge Krum cross-examined the witness present at nearly all of the "When were you elected to the House of Delegates?" was Krum's first question, "In the spring of 1898," answered Tamb'yn. ou took the onth of office?"

"You made oath that you would support the constitution, did you not?"
"I don't remember the exact words of th oath, but it was something like that."
"How often did you sell your vote during

your term of office?" What do you mean by sell?" replied Tamblyn. "You know what the word sell means "I don't know that I understand what you

mean," answered the witness, "What's your business?" "Clothing." "Then, don't you know what it is to sell a suit of ciothes MUST DELIVER GOODS

TO CONSUMMATE SALE "Yes; but when I sell anything I do not consider it a sale until I have delivered the goods."
"Now don't you know that you have sold

call having any personal conversation with your vote?" "I don't remember." "What's the most you ever got for your Speaker?" asked Judge Krum on cross-ex

"Do I have to answer that question?" said Tamblyn, uneastly moving in his chair and addressing Judge Ryan. "Yes," answered the court.

"I den't know."
"That's all." Circuit Attorney Folk here took the witness for redirect examination What did you get \$2,500 for?" asked Mr. Folk. "For my vote on the lighting bill."
"Where?"

"It was \$5,500." said Tamblyn.

"At Julius Lehmann's house."

SAVS \$17,500 WAS PAID FOR

"What's the lowest?"

"I don't know."
"Wasn't it \$5"

"Was the defendant there? "Yes. "Did he get \$2,500 also"" "I don't know, but I presume he did."
Judge Krum objected to the question and answer and was sustained.

LIGHTING BILL'S PASSAGE, "How much was paid for the passage of lighting bill?" continued Mr. Folk. Forty-seven thousand five hundred dollars" sald Tambiyn

Was the money divided at Lehmann's?" "Yes. "At a birthday party?"
"I have heard that it was a birthday party, but I don't believe it was.

"Yes, sir." "That's all," remarked Folk, smiling, Later Circuit Attorney Folk stated that he could not have asked for anything better than to bring the lighting bill scandal into the case. John F. Meilert, Deputy Circuit Clerk of

the Civil Division; J. Adam Doetr, Deputy of the Criminal Division; P. R. FitzGibton City Register; Charles R. Graves, forme Secretary of the City Council, and Joseph N. Judge, Clerk of the House of Delegates

"SILVER" JOHN BURKE RESIGNS AS DELEGATE

Sixt-enth Ward Representative Says He Is "Sick and Tired" of the Way His Colleagues Act.

NOT AT MEETING.

Westminster Place Improvement Bill to Be Reconsidered-Successor to Assistant Clerk Griffin Not Yet Elected.

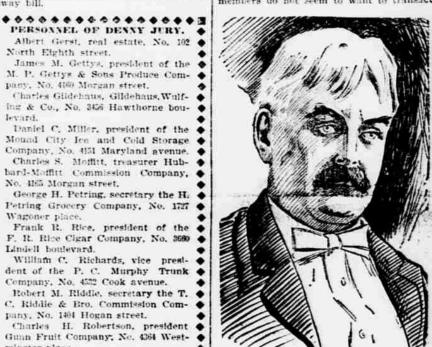
What is considered to be the initial step toward self-abolition of the House of Delegates was taken last night when "Silver" John Burke, representative of the Sixteenth Ward, tendered his resignation, to become effective on the last day of the calendar

Mr. Burke's action was upaccompanied by explanation other than that he had been contemplating the step for some time, a fact which has been previously stated in The Republic, and that he had given the matter due and careful consideration before arriving at a conclusion.

The voluntary resignation of the "Father of the House" one of the many solutions by which Burke is known, was the unexpected carrying out of a threat made by him nearly a menth ago, at which time he claimed to be very much displeased over the failure of the House to pass certain measures, among them the one providing for an additional appropriation for the use of the Circuit Attorney in prosecuting bribery cases. Since then several other delegates, who considered Barke's threat a "bluff," have signified their intention of resigning if he dld so. It remains to be seen whether they were talking in good faith.

Common report has it that Burke severed his connection with the lower branch of the Muricipal Assembly to accept a posttion under John J. Manton, recently elected Clerk of the Court of Criminal Correction, but this is emphasically denied by him. He declares he has recently received several good offers of positions, but that he has considered none of them.

"I'm just sick and tired of the way the House has been conducting itself. The members do not seem to want to transact



JOHN J. BURKE.

any business, and I have come to the conclusion that it is a waste of my time to attend the meetings. That is the only ex-cuse I have for resigning," said Eurke, in reply to a query as to what prompted his

"There are a lot of people who thought I was 'bluffing' when I said I was going to resignabut I have shown them all that I meant every word I said. Although it is true I have been offered several good posttions since expressing by intention of leaving the House, I have not considered any of them. That is an honest fact. The acceptance of Burke's resignation was

moved by Delegate Geraghty, at the request of the former. Delegate Sweeney asked for a roll call on the question, and with the exception of Buckley, the seventeen members present voted in favor of the motion without comment. When Buckley's name was called he arose and in a tearful voice expressed deep sorrow and regret over Burke's action. The only other business of importance which came up at last night's meeting was an attempt to name a successor to Assistant Clerk Nick Griffin, recently elected Con-

stable of the Fourth District. Three nan

were placed in nomination, those of Doc-

tor William B. Carson, William F. Geraghty and James Laughlin. The first was menoned by Delegate Oberbeck, and the two others by Burke and Gazzolo, respectively. Five ballots were taken, and as neither of the candidates succeeded in getting the necessary fifteen votes, the election was postponed until next meeting.

As was predicted in Wednesday's Republic, the vote by which the bill to improve Westminster place from Spring avenue to King's Highway boulevard

tien to do this was made by Delegate the members present. Several bills were signed by Speaker Fontana, among them one providing for the improvement of Broadway in front of the

killed was ordered reconsidered. The mo-

WIDESPREAD INTEREST SHOWN IN MR. RALPH'S CONDITION.

Many Messages Are Received by the Sick Journalist-Author, Who is Improving.

sent to Julian Ralph, who lies ill at the Southern Hotel, testified yesterday to the widesprend interest in the condition of the

distinguished war correspondent. Among the messages of inquiry and sympathy received were one from Harmsworth of the London Mail, another from Kennedy Jones of the London News, and many others from New York, Philadelphia and Chicago. President Francis, Secretary Stevens and other officials of the Exposition called to inquire for the patient's condition. Doctor Louis H. Behrens, who is in attendance, found Mr. Ralph improved yesterday evening, but said that he must remain in bed for several days. The physician added that it would be unsafe for him to move from a recumbent position until the

hemorrhage had thoroughly healed. The earliest departure from bed will not be before Monday. Mrs. Ralph has decided to not leave her home in New York, owing to later advices, which state that the condition of her husband justifies belief in his rapid recovery. Mr. Ralph is taking no other nourishment than cold co